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Military Superintendants Liaison Committee Dr. Paul Kadri, Chairman 1300 Flanders Road P.O. Box K Groton, CT 06340

Dear Committee Members,

Congratulations on winning the 2011 Pete Taylor Exemplary Partnership Award. This national recognition by the Military Child Education Coalition is well deserved and highlights the good work each of you has contributed to this endeavor for many years.

I am very proud of the wonderful relations the citizens of Connecticut enjoy with our military service members and their families stationed throughout the State. Particularly in Southeastern Connecticut, many of you have set the highest standard in helping families in transition. You have been tireless advocates for military families and championed policy decisions at the State and local level that enhanced the quality of life for those who sacrifice so much for us.

Changes to State regulations regarding school admissions, personal and professional licenses, physicals and immunizations collectively demonstrate the reasonable accommodations we make to help military families integrate into our local schools and communities. It is extremely gratifying for us to know that many of the national programs in place today, are larger adaptations of programs that began right here in Southeastern Connecticut under your leadership and initiative.

As our nation draws down from two very long wars in Southwest Asia, the special needs of service members and their families will require careful, compassionate attention. I thank you for your ongoing work and, on behalf of the citizens of Connecticut, offer my most sincere congratulations and grateful appreciation of your collective success.

Sincerely,

Dannel P. Malloy

Governor